

This Prayer Calendar is provided to encourage us to pray for one another within the fellowship of Affinity.

Information is provided each month by our **member** agencies, churches and organisations. We also include prayer requests from churches within our wider network. If you wish information for prayer to be included in the Prayer Calendar please send it to us at least five days before the end of the month in which you would like it to appear.

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- 1** Pray for church leaders knowledgeable in the Bible to equip and build up the body. **Edinburgh Theological Seminary** is dedicated to helping people understand and share the gospel. Please pray for the Seminary as they train pastors, teachers, counsellors, missionaries, and others for ministry. Pray for God to raise up more leaders for the church.

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  - 2** Praise the Lord for the provision of **Caring For Life's** farm, a place for vulnerable and 'at risk' individuals to enjoy therapeutic projects in agriculture, horticulture, conservation, woodwork, equestrian activities, and more. Thank the Lord that the farm has become a haven and a safe space for growth and development. Pray that visitors will feel the Lord's presence and peace.

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  - 3** Please pray for Dr Aaron Edwards, a Christian theology lecturer sacked from a Christian Bible College for a tweet about homosexuality. His Employment Tribunal case against Cliff College for discrimination continues this week, supported by **Christian Concern**.

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  - 4** Please pray for **Childs Hill Baptist Church** as they baptise two new Christians this month, both of whom grew up under the Quran. With approximately 35% of the church members coming from an Islamic background, pray for wisdom and unity as this dynamic shapes church life.

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  - 5** Pray for the growth and development of the **Association of Christian Teachers'** network groups, including Leadership, Primary, Secondary, and others. Pray these groups become spaces for Godly encouragement, mutual support, community building, and sharing best practices.

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  - 6** On the 80th anniversary of the D-Day Landings, give thanks for those who fought and died in the largest seaborne invasion in history. Pray for D-Day and Normandy veterans as they remember the operation eighty years on. May they know the Lord's peace and comfort. Pray for **SASRA** Readers sharing the gospel with those in the Armed Forces.

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  - 7** Pray for the **Free Church of Scotland** Teens' Conference (7-9 June) and the Free Church Youth Camps taking place over the summer. Ask God to keep everyone safe, help the young people grow closer to him, and ensure they have fun while building relationships. Pray that many will come to saving faith in Jesus. Additionally, ask for energy, patience, and wisdom for the volunteers, and that God will work in the hearts and lives of the youth in our churches and those who attend camps. Pray that home congregations will nurture them and help them grow in their faith, especially those young people not connected to a church.

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  - 8** Pray for the **Access Insurance** staff advising churches across the UK and for those churches as they carry out activities such as holiday Bible clubs and youth work, in addition to the many other ministries they are involved in.

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  - 9** Pray for good attendance, spirit-empowered messages, and responses of repentance and faith at the two evangelistic meals this month being hosted by **Little Hill Church, Wigston**: the Men's Curry Evening on 11 June and the Senior Citizens' Tea on 15 June.

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  - 10** Give thanks for Simon and Miriam Desborough, serving with **Africa Inland Mission** in Antananarivo, Madagascar. Pray for their mobilisation team as they begin mobilising Malagasy Christians to serve as missionaries wherever God calls them. Pray especially for David, who is keen to use his mining background to reach out to his colleagues, Gujarati businessmen and women. Pray that he can lay aside cultural and religious prejudice to share the good news of Jesus with this people group.
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- 11** Give thanks for new prisoners signing up to use **Daylight Christian Prison Trust's** Letter Writing Ministry. Pray for more volunteers to meet this need.
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- 12** As Loneliness Awareness Week begins, pray for **Faith in Later Life**, who minister to those who are lonely, especially older people. Pray they would find friendship, purpose, and unending companionship through the local church.
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- 13** Hundreds of people will gather today (13 June) to remember and give thanks for the life of Colin Hart, Founder and Director of the Christian Institute, who passed away suddenly in March this year. Please pray for his family and friends as they mourn their loss, and join all those who knew Colin in giving thanks for his life and ministry, which connected the truth of the Christian faith to the issues of our time.
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- 14** Pray for a good response from parents and carers invited to **Blenheim Free Church, Maidenhead's** Bible-based parenting course at their 'Little Lights' toddler group.
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- 15** Pray for the **Lovewise** presentations on 'Growing up...Growing wise' in Hampshire and Kent this month. Pray that the young people who hear the presentations will understand the changes of puberty in the context of God's good design for marriage and family. Give thanks for the recent publication of draft government guidance on relationships and sex education in schools. Pray that more Christian parents will be motivated to ask questions of their child's school concerning RSE teaching as a result.
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- 16** Pray for the Mongolian people, who often have no awareness of sin and believe that this life is all there is. Pray that God will work in their hearts despite their materialistic outlook and lack of interest in the gospel. Pray that **Sharing Christ Internationally** workers will remain obedient and not lose heart.
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- 17** Graham Nicholls, Director of **Affinity**, will be attending the London Gospel Partnership meeting today (17 June). Give thanks for the connections Affinity has with local gospel partnerships, and pray for Graham as he speaks to many local church leaders.
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- 18** Give thanks for those who joined the **UFM** family as long-term mission partners in May (for Cyprus, Spain, Zambia). Pray for the conferences happening this month where UFM will have a presence and for the various church deputation opportunities in the diary.
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- 19** The **FIEC's** final Local Conference of 2024 takes place in Cornwall tomorrow (20 June). Please pray that the church leaders who have attended any of the 27 day conferences this year will continue to be encouraged and equipped in their ministry.
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- 20** Pray for The Global Anglican editorial board (the journal of **Church Society**) meeting in Cambridge today (20 June), for Lee Gatiss as Chairman and Peter Jensen as Editor. Pray for faithful and encouraging articles to be produced for the edification and equipping of the readership.
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- 21** Pray for a time of blessing at the **Association of Grace Baptist Churches South East's (ASGBCSE)** summer conference tomorrow (22 June). Leonardo de Chirico will be speaking on 'Understanding Roman Catholicism Today', based on his book 'Same Words, Different Worlds'. Pray for those undertaking theological training to find the remaining spaces. Pray also for ASGBCSE churches currently without pastors as they seek the Lord's guidance in this matter.
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- 22** Pray for the **London Seminary** Annual Thanksgiving Service happening today (22 June) at 3pm. Join in giving thanks for the Lord's goodness over the past year, and pray for students completing the Pastoral Training Course and heading into ministry. Give thanks also for those completing the Flourish course for women and the Plant course for those involved in church planting and revitalisation; pray that they will be filled with the Spirit and used by the Lord in their ministries.
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- 23** Pray that Christians' hearts are stirred to heed the call to become foster carers and help to fill the current deficit of 6,500 new foster families needed in the UK. Pray for **Cornerstone UK** as they seek to meet this need by supporting potential foster families.
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**24** Pray for James Allan, the new National Chairman of the **Associating Evangelical Churches of Wales (AECW)**, who took up his appointment last month. Pray for him as he provides leadership to the AECW churches.

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**25** Give thanks for the many events **Solas'** speakers have been involved in this month. Pray that God's hand will be at work in all the individuals who heard the gospel, perhaps for the first time. Additionally, Solas' pre-evangelism book 'Have You Ever Wondered?' is now in the hands of thousands of people, many of whom are not Christians. Pray that they will become intrigued, then fascinated, and eventually irresistibly drawn to Christ. Please pray also that the Lord will continue to provide for all the ministry's needs, as funding can be a challenge.

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**26** Pray for Timo and Laura as they serve in Finland with **Africa Inland Mission** among the Congolese refugee population, sharing Jesus with them and equipping Christian refugees to reach out to the Finns they live among. Pray that God blesses their friendships with displaced Congolese people and increases opportunities to discuss faith.

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**27** Pray for churches with **Kingdom Bank** mortgages, that they will continue to reach into their communities with the hope of the gospel.

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**28** Give thanks for all the good work the Lord has done in **Oak Hill College** students this year, growing their faith, knowledge, and wisdom in him. Thank the Lord for all the operational staff who work hard to enable so much that goes on at the college. Pray that the Lord will keep and preserve all students leaving college this year, so they continue to live lives worthy of the gospel. Pray for those involved in putting together the revised teaching programme for September 2025, asking for wisdom and energy to meet the demands of the task joyfully.

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**29** Pray for delegates visiting London for the **True Freedom Trust** day conference entitled 'Friends, Fears & Idols' today (29 June). Pray that the conference will provide biblical wisdom for growing wise and loving friendships.

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**30** Pray for those planning to put applications in to **Crosslands'** Seminary programme. Pray they would have Christ-centred wisdom as they approach the process.

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If you would like more information about the Affinity Members mentioned in the Prayer Calendar, you will find their website addresses on the Affinity website – [www.affinity.org.uk](http://www.affinity.org.uk).

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